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Cases of Cancer
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is aware that there is a significant rise in the cases of cancer, if so, the details thereof along with different types of cancer cases along with
the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has proposed to set up cancer institutes in different States and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to bring a special scheme for free treatment of cancer patients and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has plans to encourage doctors/scientists/ pharmaceutical companies in the field of medicine to eliminate cancer related cases and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a) to (d): As per data provided by National Cancer Registry Programme of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the estimated incidence due to Cancer in the country for the last five years is as under:

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Incidence 1028503	1057204	1086783	1117269	1148692

The five leading sites of cancer (both sexes) are Breast, Cervix, Lung, Mouth and Tongue.

Health is a State subject. However, Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments for improving healthcare including for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Cancer. At present, the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) being implemented under National Health Mission (NHM) for interventions upto the district level, includes awareness generation for Cancer prevention, screening, early detection and referral to an appropriate level institution for treatment.
NCD clinics, being established under NPCDCS, are envisaged to carry out screening of common Cancer at District Hospitals and Community Health Centres in the districts under the Programme.
The Government of India under "Strengthening of Tertiary Care of Cancer Scheme" is assisting the setting up/establishment of State Cancer Institutes (SCI) and Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCC) in different parts of the country.
The treatment of Cancer patients in various Government Hospitals is either free or subsidized both for the Central and State Government Hospitals. In addition to Cancer diagnosis and treatment by the State Governments Health Institutes, the Central Government Institutions such as All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Safdurjung Hospital, Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, PGIMER Chandigarh, JIPMER Puducherry, Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata, etc. provide facilities for diagnosing and treatment of Cancer.
Oncology in its various aspects has focus in case of new AIIMS and many upgraded institutions under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY). Setting up of National Cancer Institute at Jhajjar (Haryana) and 2nd campus of Chittranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata has been approved.
The list of medicines specified in the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) which are included in the First Schedule of Drug Pricing Control Order (DPCO), 2013 also contain drugs used for the treatment of Cancer. 489 NLEM (drug formulations) medicines for which ceiling prices have been notified under DPCO, 2013, includes 47 anti-Cancer medicines. No person is authorized to sell any such formulation to any consumer at a price exceeding the ceiling price fixed by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) under Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers.
Presently one Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) outlet has been opened at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi with an objective to make available Cancer and Cardiovascular drugs and implants at reasonable prices to the patients. Approval has also been accorded for opening of such outlets at 6 new AIIMS and major Central Government Hospitals. However, M/s HLL Lifecare Ltd, which is a 100% Government of India owned PSU under this Ministry, has been directed to contact all States which may like to open AMRIT outlets in major State Government hospitals/institutions. As per the approval accorded for setting up AMRIT, the prices of the products are to be reasonable and significantly lower than the market price.
Financial assistance to Below Poverty Line (BPL) patients is available under the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN). Besides this, the Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund (HMCPF) within the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi has been set up in 2009 wherein 27 erstwhile

Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs) are provided with revolving funds to provide immediate financial assistance upto Rs.2.00 lakh to BPL Cancer patients.